



Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program

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Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)

- The primary objective of the OINP is to select immigrants who have the ability to economically establish in Ontario.
- Ontario has a range of streams with different criteria and different processes to achieve this objective:
 1. The Human Capital streams selects those with the skills and experience that research shows predicts labour market success
 - Master's and PHD streams
 - *Ontario Express Entry: Human Capital Priorities and French-Speaking Skilled Worker streams*
 2. The job offer streams select those candidates who can fill an HR need for employers and can hit the ground running in the Ontario labour market
 - The job offer streams for foreign workers and international students

Context for developing Ontario's approach to Express Entry

- Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations : key criterion for provincial nominee programs is the **ability to economically establish**.
- Immigration Strategy: one of the Strategy's objectives is "attracting a skilled workforce and building a stronger economy". Key targets include:
 - 70 percent economic immigration to Ontario.
 - Increasing the nominee allocation from the federal government to 5,000.
 - Five percent francophone immigration.
- Ontario economy: the growing importance of knowledge-based sectors and economic change increase the importance highly skilled/educated/adaptable immigrants for Ontario
- OINP job-offer and Master's and PhD students streams address the needs of employers and international students; new streams were designed to complement these.
- Federal government increased Ontario's nomination allocation to 5,200 in 2015; 2,700 must be selected through Express Entry.

Ontario Express Entry Streams

- Two new streams were developed to be used with Express Entry.
 - Human Capital Priorities Stream
 - French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream
- These streams target those with high human capital.
 - Emphasis is on language proficiency, and high education and work experience.
 - No job offer requirement.
- The French-Speaking Skilled Worker stream criteria emphasizes strong French language ability and good English language ability.
 - Research has shown that immigrants with proficiency in both official languages have good economic outcomes.

Ontario Human Capital Priorities Stream

Must meet the requirements of the Federal Skilled Worker Program or the Canadian Experience Class in addition to the criteria below.

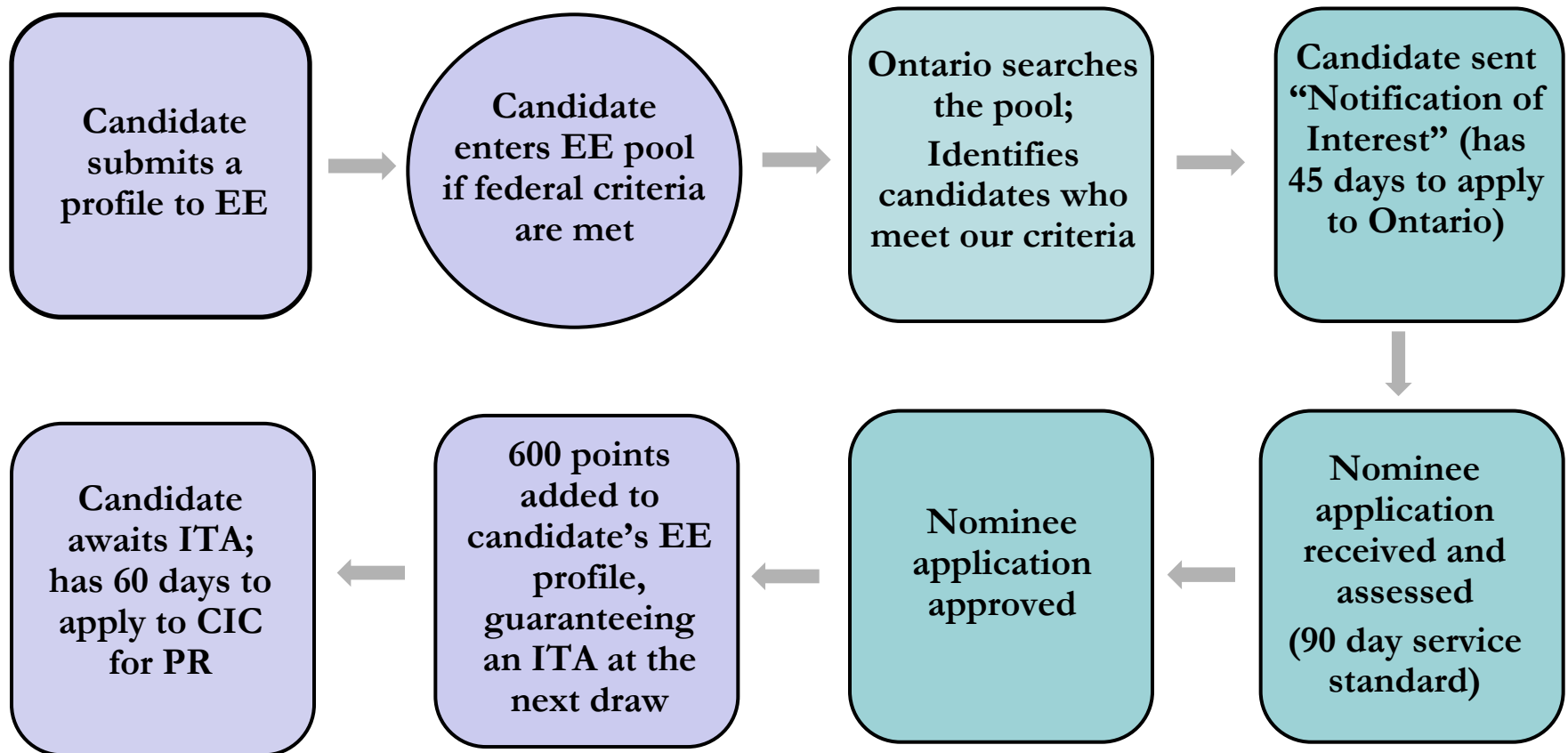
Criteria	Federal Skilled Worker-like	Canadian Experience Class-like
Language	CLB 7 (Eng. or Fr.)	CLB 7 (Eng. or Fr.)
Education	Bachelors	Bachelors
Work Experience	1 yr. in past 5	1 yrs. in past 3 (Can.)
NOC	0, A, B	0, A, B
CRS	400 and above	400 and above
Settlement Funds	Sufficient funds for settlement costs	Sufficient funds for settlement costs

French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream

Must meet the requirements of the Federal Skilled Worker Program or the Canadian Experience Class in addition to the criteria below.

Criteria	Federal Skilled Worker-like	Canadian Experience Class-like
Language	CLB 7 (Fr) <u>and</u> CLB 6 (Eng)	CLB 7 (Fr) <u>and</u> CLB 6 (Eng)
Education	Bachelors	Bachelors
Work Experience	1 yr. in past 5	1 yr. in past 3 (Can)
NOC	0, A, B	0, A, B
CRS	n/a	n/a
Settlement Funds	Sufficient funds for settlement costs	Sufficient funds for settlement costs

Process for Ontario Express Entry



Legend: CIC MCIIT

Implications of stream design on settlement

- The profile of immigrants selected under Ontario Express Entry is could be different than for OINP base streams.
 - Base stream applicants already have a connection to Ontario: these nominees either have a job offer or have studied here.
 - Those nominees arriving under the FSW variant may not have ever been to Ontario.
 - But: those nominees arriving under the CEC variant of Ontario Express Entry Streams will have Canadian experience and may have resided in Ontario.
- In general, the the new streams will select people similar to the FSWP and CEC and so would likely require similar settlement supports.
- OINP requirements for higher language abilities, education, and work experience will help equip these nominees to integrate into Ontario's economy and communities.

Ontario's Settlement and Integration Programs

Settlement and Integration:

- Newcomer Settlement Program
- Language Interpreter Services
- Language Training
- Municipal Immigration Information Online

Labour Market Integration:

- Bridge Training Program
- Global Experience Ontario

Current and future priority: Francophone immigration

- The Immigration Strategy sets a target of five percent Francophone immigration for Ontario
 - This covers both the provincial nominee program and federal programs.

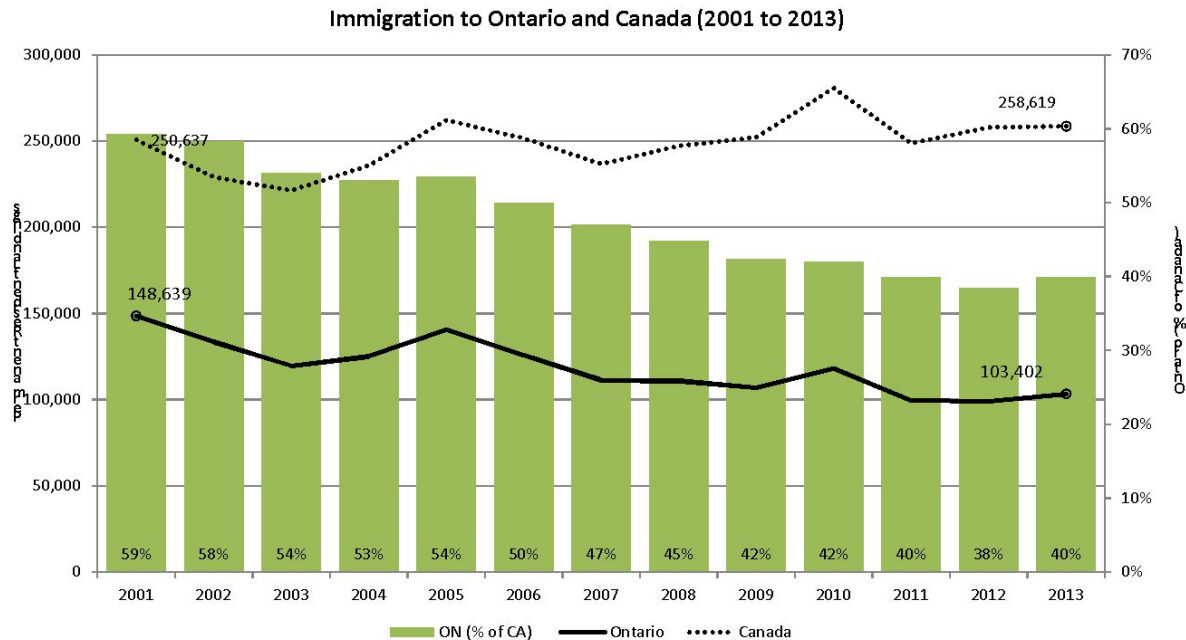
Selection

- To support the Immigration Strategy target, Ontario launched the French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream
 - Only jurisdiction in Canada that has an immigration selection program dedicated to Francophones
 - The stream is not only a pathway to permanent residence for Francophones but also a signal that Ontario is seeking and welcomes Francophones.
 - This could lead to an increase in applications to other streams from Francophones.

Group of Experts

- Ontario has also convened a Group of Experts which will examine how to promote, recruit, welcome, integrate and retain Francophone immigrants in Ontario.
 - Their advice, which is expected to be delivered in Spring 2016, will be used to help Ontario achieve its target of five per cent Francophone immigration.

Snapshot of immigration to Ontario



Source: CIC, PRDS
2013

- Since 2001, annual immigration to Ontario has declined by 30%; 148,639 (2001) to 103,402 (2013).
- In 2013, Ontario's share of immigration to Canada was 40%, slightly up from the 2012 share of 38% - which was Ontario's lowest share of immigration to Canada in over 30 years.
- Of Ontario's 2014 permanent residents: 53.1% were in the Economic Class; 32.0% were in the Family Class; 12.0% were Refugees; 2.9% were from the "Other" class.

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